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Councilmember Valerie Ervin to Help Host 'Audacity of Hoops Silver Spring' 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Sunday, Oct. 23

IMPACT Silver Spring, Long Branch Athletic Association
Invite Montgomery Students to Join Free Tournament

ROCKVILLE, Md., October 17, 2011—Montgomery County Council President Valerie Ervin, who represents District 5 that includes Silver Spring, Wheaton, Kensington and Takoma Park, and Gabe Albornoz, director of the Montgomery County Recreation Department, are partnering with IMPACT Silver Spring and the Long Branch Athletic Association to host "*The Audacity of Hoops Silver Spring*" 3-on-3 basketball tournament for high school students on Sunday, Oct. 23.

Montgomery County public and private school students are eligible to join the free tournament that will take place from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Veterans Plaza at the Silver Spring Civic Building in downtown Silver Spring. Participants can register in teams of up to five members by calling the Department of Recreation at 240-777-6870. If space is available, teams can register the day of the event. All students must produce valid high school identification to participate. Boys and girls are eligible.

The "*Audacity of Hoops Silver Spring*" is a 3-on-3 tournament that seeks to use sports and recreation as a means of engaging students and their families in constructive activities.

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“As Chair of the Council’s Education Committee and a former member of the Board of Education, I am committed to developing innovative partnerships that create more positive engagement activities for our youth,” said Council President Ervin. “This tournament is one way to encourage our young people to get involved in community life.”

“Engaging youth and their families in safe constructive recreational activities is a core mission of the Department of Recreation,” said Albornoz. “I am very excited about this partnership event that will encourage kids to be actively involved and engaged in positive community activities.”

IMPACT Silver Spring was founded in 1999 to address ongoing social needs in an extremely diverse community. The organization runs targeted capacity-building programs for residents and groups to build empowerment and leadership skills. This year, IMPACT merged the Long Branch Athletic Association into their organization.

“These kinds of collaborative efforts, especially on behalf of our young people, will help us overcome the challenges that we face in our community,” said Ronnie Galvin of IMPACT Silver Spring. “The Audacity of Hoops is yet another demonstration of the convening power of sports and the role that recreation plays in building community.”

Individuals and businesses are invited to participate as event sponsors. Sponsorship assists with programming costs such as equipment, referees and awards. Sponsorship packages start at \$100. Anyone interested in being an event sponsor can contact Chris Wilhelm at 301-495-3336 or at chris@impactsilverspring.org. Event sponsors to date include Bud Miller Associates, Headliners Barbershop, United Therapeutics and Washington Sports Club.

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